

Elections declared invalid

Reelection set for Wednesday

by Linda Cayton

Due to several irregularities, MWC Senate declared recent SA elections invalid. At the same time, senators agreed to hold a new election Wednesday, March 25.

The re-vote will take place in ACL ballroom on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. According to elections committee chairman, Susan Archbold, members will man the polls and keep a complete registration list of all students.

After the voting, election committee members will count votes in the closed SA room and deliver the sealed results to outgoing SA officers to be announced Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in GW auditorium.

Susan Archbold explained that elections were taken out of the residence halls to avoid the confusion of excess people involved and to regulate the actual balloting. She explained, "Votes will be counted in the SGA room to be completely secretive and unprejudiced." The election invalida-

tion and subsequent activities resulted from a formal petition contesting the election by four day students. They contested the voting on the grounds that voting times favored resident students, that an extension of the times was not generally known, that polls were unmanned, and that no registration records were kept.

Unsure of the outcome of such a petition, elections committee met and decided not to announce new unoffical SA officers.

A discussion with members of the administration, faculty, an attorney, and a trained parliamentarian resulted in the conclusions that definite irregularities of unmanned polls, dorm-wide distribution of ballots and overall leakage of information between dorms, etc. had occurred during the election. They also stated that the Senate should have determined basic election procedure prior to the election.

At a closed meeting, Senators discussed irregularities and voted to

declare the election invalid.

At a student body compulsory meeting Thursday designed to "return confidence in student government," Chancellor Grellet C. Simpson, SA President Kathi O'Neil, and Elections Committee chairman Susan Archbold discussed the background of the invalidation of the election.

Chancellor Simpson requested that the student body not consider matters more "theatrical than the drama warrants" and urged them to remember their "adulthood rather than give vent to emotions."

In a letter to the student community, all candidates called for a uniting of students to achieve a common goal as well as pledged their support to all elected officers.

Honor Council President Kathy Thiel also attempted to quiet fears in her assurances that no dishonesty occurred on the part of any individual concerned with the election. Kathy also expressed the importance that trust be restored to the campus so that "all students might join in the unity so needed."

A Senate committee also met during the past week to research the background and irregularities and clarify the facts of the election invalidation. In its report, the committee noted the circulation on campus of many unfounded rumors, resulting from general misunderstanding due to normal curiosity and an emotional atmosphere. According to the committee many rumors developed due to speculation of election results, which in many cases leaked from various dorms.

After much research the committee found that day students validly and on their own initiative contested the election.

Finally, the committee found no facts to imply any involvement of candidates in the invalidation of the election.



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Honor president Kathy Thiel calls for campus unity as Chancellor Simpson, Kathi O'Neill, and Susan Archbold look on.



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Degree requirement revamping proposed

The ad hoc committee on degree requirements, reform of the college calendar, student loads, and methods of instruction released a report Wednesday concerning its findings and recommendations on MWC degree requirements and methods of instruction to the faculty, administration, and SA officials.

The faculty moved adoption of the committee's six proposals at Wednesday's faculty meeting. One of these, the proposal to eliminate the required final exam at the discretion of the professor, was already on the floor in another form and was passed by the faculty. The others will be voted upon at a later meeting.

The first proposal concerns restructuring basic degree requirements. The committee suggests that each student complete

the equivalent of a year's work (two courses) in each of four areas: literature, humanities, social science, and natural science and math. This would be equal to eight courses or 24 to 26 semester hours of work. One third of the student's program would consist of courses in her major and one third of electives. The committee also recommends that the present two year physical education be reduced to one year and that each student be required to show competence in English composition and a foreign language (completion of the intermediate-level college course or four years of high school foreign language.)

The committee proposed three alternative plans from which a student could choose to meet the basic requirements. One would allow the student to concentrate a

greater part of her program in her major subject. She could take up to one-half of her program in her major subject and up to three-fourths in one area. A student would have to apply and be approved for this program by a designated faculty committee.

In order to increase the flexibility of the system the committee proposed a general education alternative and special major program. They suggest an ad hoc committee be set up to investigate fully the possibilities of the former. A special major would consist of a program of selected from two or more departments by mutual agreement of student and advisor.

The sixth proposal of the committee recommends the adoption of the "Honors-Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory" grading system to replace the present system of

letter grades. The committee maintains that the proposed system "frees the student from the confining fear of grades, encouraging intellectual inquiry" and "frees the instructor from pressures for grades based on considerations other than his academic judgement. The committee also feels that the provision for an "Honors" grade offers recognition of the exceptional student and satisfies Phi Beta Kappa requirements and, according to committee member Dr. Glen Thomas, most graduate school requirements.

The report culminates nine months of research and thought on the part of committee members. The preface to the report states, "Every one of us went into this study with a set of prejudices and ideas. Not a single one of us has come out of the

process with his or her views unscathed."

Chancellor Simpson appointed the sixteen committee members last Spring. Faculty members besides Dr. Thomas are Margery E. Arnold, Samuel O. Bird, Burton Cooper, Lewis P. Fickett, Donald E. Glover, Pauline G. King, Bernard Neal Klenke, Robert H. Shaw, Charles A. Sletten, Mary Ellen Stephenson, Thomas S. Turgeon, and George M. VanSant. Anne Gordon Greer, Mary Lee Hearne, and Marilyn L. Preble represented students on the committee. Grelet C. Simpson, James H. Croushore, Laura V. Sunner, and Lawrence A. Wishner served ex-officially.

The remaining part of the committee's report concerning the college calendar and schedule and a timetable for change will be submitted next month.

Women's Lib discusses abortion

by Mary Anne Desmond

Five women representing the Women's Liberation Organization in Washington, D.C. led an informal discussion with about 70 students on birth control, abortion and women's liberation Wednesday evening.

Abortion — a current and much debated topic — was thoroughly and openly dealt with. One of the women, an abortion counselor in D.C., informed the students of the procedure for going about getting an abortion in Washington, as well as the cost, and the laws which so often hinder legal abortions. The women responded with startling statistics concerning the number of septuplets abortions which occur each month and the number of deaths which

are a result of these. One of the speakers quoted the U.S. Department of Labor stating, that in 1967, 170 therapeutic abortions were performed in Virginia, while 20,000 reported illegal abortions occurred. On the national level, 8,000-10,000 women die every year due to back-room, septic abortions. Women's lib feels that something should be done.

Presently in Washington, one hundred to three hundred abortions are being performed each month in private hospitals, compared to only fifteen to thirty in public hospitals. This is due to the fact that many doctors do not want to be referred to as "abortionists."

Abortion laws, according to women's liberationists, are re-

pressive laws. Many women liberationists express a demand for constitutional changes.

The speakers felt that the pill was not the best as well as not the only answer to a need for contraception. Two of the most disturbing statements concerning the pill were: "If you are taking the pill, you are part of an experiment — the pill was tested on only 850 Puerto Rican women before it was placed on the market," and "The pill sets off fifty-one metabolic changes and only one of them is the stopping of ovulation."

An awareness on the part of the attending students of the need for a gynecologist and birth control information center on campus evolved from the discussion. The MWC Women's Lib group will hold a meeting in the "Owl's Nest" in ACL Wednesday afternoon to discuss the establishment of such a center.



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D. C. Women's liberationists rap with students

Garskof praises Cuba

Freedom and democracy do exist in Cuba, Dr. Bert Garskof maintains, to a greater degree than in the United States. He says that democracy in Cuba involves a continuous process through which the people directly make decisions about almost every aspect of life on the island.

At a Mortar Board "Reach Out" program Thursday night in Russell parlor, Dr. Garskof, a professor at Federal City College, talked with more than 50 MWC students and faculty about the political, economic and social

situation in Cuba.

Drawing on his own experiences there this summer, he attempted to explore what he called an extensive mythology about Cuba created by U.S. anti-Communist propaganda.

The thrust of his talk was that Cuba must be evaluated in terms of the values of revolutionary Cuban society, values that differ greatly from and are, he says, superior to the values of the U.S. Government. After a brief historical sketch, Dr. Garskof explained that in Cuba almost everything is a political issue on which the people make a decision. In Cuba the political process extends to decisions about the production of goods and the use and distribution of wealth.

The decisions about which goods are to be produced are ones which significantly affect the lives of the people, but in the United States the people have no part in determining the use of the nation's wealth. In Cuba, Dr. Garskof said, the people themselves decide. To illustrate, he cited automobile production. In the U.S., consumers have no role in deciding whether a new model will be introduced, but in Cuba that decision is part of the political process.



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Dr. Bert Garskof

Moratorium sponsors fast for peace

by Kathy Atkinson

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee will sponsor a nationwide "Peace Fast" April 13-15, in order once again to demonstrate "deep moral commitment against the Vietnam War."

Fasting, according to the committee, is not only intended as a sign of "distress and mourning," but as "a time of purification and rededication — to the peace movement itself, to one's personal beliefs and actions, for the justice of the cause without being self-righteous, and for non-violent social change in the tradition of Ghandi."

The committee hopes that money usually spent for meals in the course of the three days will be sent to aid victims of war. Many students are asking for reimbursement from their school cafeterias.

The MWC moratorium committee has made no specific plans for the fast. Says Glenna Booth of the committee, "Fasting here is sort of superfluous, because the cafeteria won't refund the money." Instead, they are going to try to plan something to sup-

port Tax Resistance Day, which will be sponsored by Mobilization April 13. Both Kathi O'Neill and Barbara Halliday signed a statement endorsing the fast but indicated that their support is on a

personal basis only.

Anyone wishing to contribute money to the fast or to help with Tax Resistance Day should contact either Susie Taylor or Glenna Booth.

Freshmen counsellors announced

1970-71 Freshman hall presidents and counselors were announced Wednesday afternoon. The announcements were delayed due to the cancellation of the meeting at which Student Association officers were to have been named.

Paddy Link was designated president of Betty Lewis; counselors in that dorm will be Beverly Hemingway, Susan Archbold, Katherine Tibball, Susan Palmer, and Stephanie Poor.

President of Marshall will be Kathy Bradford, with Mary McFadyn, Betsy Smith, Eileen Reynolds, Anne Sylvester, Carolyn Sadler, and Karen Laino as counselors.

In Virginia Hall, Mary Saunders will be president, and coun-

sors will be Kathy Ray, Kathy Duley, Shirley Harris, Marilyn Pucillo, Karen Kuecker, Pamela Garrett, Judy Benevento, Cathy Giles, Brenda Franklin, and Nancy Mahone.

President of Willard will be Mary Ann Wegener. Freshman counselors there will be Ellen Taylor, Kathy Hanna, Dorothy Fry, Martha Houchins, Brenda Wirt, Nancy Crueger, Laura Praet, Irene Kosciw, Janice Moore, and Patty Young.

In the upperclass dorms, Freshman counselors will be as follows: Jefferson — Vicki Silek; Tri-Unit — Margaret Barnett; Bushnell — Jane Reiley; Westmoreland — Pat Barrow; Mason — Susan Hanson; Randolph — Penny Doane; Russell — Diane Tabachik.

Women's Lib: revolution, not reform

by Anne Gordon Grever

(Editor's note: The following article is continued from the Feb. 23 BULLET. Woman's Liberation leader Betsy Gwynn responded to questions from students during a discussion of the Woman's Liberation movement.)

What concrete improvements can you suggest?

Almost everyone who has seriously investigated the problems confronting women in our society agree that reform is hopeless. They call for revolution because it is impossible to affect meaningful change within the present system.

However, I can mention a few specifics that woman's lib groups advocate. All abortion laws should be repealed and the cost of abortions lowered so that women can have control of their own bodies. There should be free client-controlled day care centers, staffed by trained men and women, so that people care for children, not just one frustrated woman. Also, many groups are involved in self-defense classes. At first the idea seems laughable, but it is important for women to know that they can take care of themselves, rather than having to rely on men for protection.

Then of course there are the goals of moderate woman's lib groups like the National Organization for Women (NOW), which works for "equal pay for equal work," the end of discrimination against women in education, in hiring practices for executive and professional positions, and in unions. The question here is, do we really want to become bigger and better capitalists? Do we really want to be generals in an imperialist army?

All these things I have mentioned are only tiny steps in the beginning of the total process of freeing women.

Is the situation for women improving?

No, not in any significant way. Of course there are a few women who make it to the top executive levels, but actually there is only token integration. The experience of women is similar to that of

blacks; racism and sexism are necessary parts of a social order based on keeping people apart.

In fact, the figures show that the situation is actually deteriorating. The percentage of women, in relation to men, who go to college, graduate school, and work in professional or executive positions has actually declined in the last 40 years.

Women cannot compete equally with men, and businesses have lots of subtle discriminatory devices to keep women in lower salary positions. For instance, by assigning different job titles, a company can pay a female employee less than a male employee for doing exactly the same work. A woman must be exceptionally competent to compete with a mediocre man.

In areas other than the educational and business world, the situation is no better. Women are still defined in terms of men. A woman's worth as a human being is still measured by her role as a wife and mother. Marriage is still the prime qualification for a "successful" life for a woman. Women are still peripheral in serious decision-making and even recreation, as far as men are concerned. We still have that oppressive question mark of what we are going to do with our lives, because women still plan their lives around a man. Still there is no equality in relationships. And still there is the programmed inferiority.

Does the "average housewife" feel oppressed?

Many middle-class white women would deny it, but yes, the average housewife feels her oppression, even though she may be unable to identify her oppressor. In general, women are aware of leading unfulfilled lives. Betty Friedan describes in detail what she calls "the problem that has no name," the fact that women simply are not satisfied with their current roles. The discontent is reflected in the growing divorce rate and the alcoholism and psychological problems of middle-class housewives. But they aren't sick, they are just tired.

they're oppressed. Suburbia is a female ghetto.

Men want to deal with women either erotically or intellectually, but they cannot relate to women as integrated human beings. The average housewife is very aware that she has a well-defined role to play, and that going beyond the established norm is unfeminine and therefore bad.

Women are the victims of a totalistic system of mind control that makes them see other women not as individuals but as competitors for men, from which arises contempt for other women and perpetuates group self-hatred.

The problem is not lack of education, but instead a lack of options. Middle-class housewives try to escape their lack of fulfillment by joining another club or redecorating the house, which never eliminates the root causes of their discontent. Women need to be made aware of the alternatives to marriage and the frustrating suburban life.

Are women their own oppressors?

It is true that women keep the whole system going. They are the mothers and elementary school teachers who teach children patterns of behavior based on male-female roles. But men control the institutions that direct the socialization process. Women are only agents of Dr. Spock and company.

Many women, of course, feel threatened by any change in the social order. The system provides a kind of security, and they fear an extension of freedom. Remember too, that there were slaves who didn't want to be free.

Men can laugh at women's liberation, but the really hysterical opponents are women.

However, it is the system that oppresses women, not women themselves. And now women are beginning to resist the system and to talk about a new social order. The Woman's Liberation movement is growing all over the country, almost spontaneously.

Is Women's Liberation necessarily a movement for radical social change?

Yes, in fact, it calls for a revolution for destroying the system of male superiority, which is all tied in with capitalism, racism and imperialism. Women's Liberation is not a single organization but a grassroots movement, with all sorts of different viewpoints. Almost all woman's lib people are in agreement, though, that women are the victims of a systematic oppression by a repressive social order that exploits women as a caste. The media, of course, have selected the most extreme militant actions or the most frivolous and portrayed these as the substance of the movement. Even Playboy, one of the worst exploiters of women as sex objects, did a story on Woman's Liberation, and you can imagine the coverage.

The movement must be radical because capitalism is the creator and perpetrator of the doctrine of male superiority, and to end our oppression we must end the capitalistic order.

The system cannot tolerate the movement, because women are needed as a reserve labor force, needed as consumers (women make 75 percent of all consumer purchases), and needed to do socially necessary work without pay. So in trying to change all these things, the movement is striking at the very heart of the system. Women from all classes are beginning to relate to all oppressed people. Some middle-class women try to distort the

movement into a white liberal reform, a counter-revolutionary thing, but actually it goes beyond abortion, equal pay and day care centers.

Our whole society is built on a power system which depends on keeping people apart, and in that sense, racism and chauvinism are useful. The system also depends on competitive values, where money measures one's worth as a human being. The movement is out to destroy that system, and to do so there must be revolutionary change.

What must be done to liberate women?

Women have to be about the revolution. The movement requires everyone, collectively, working against the common enemy. Everybody has to be liberated before anyone is, because liberation isn't an individual thing, it means liberated from the system. We must get ourselves together, define our own goals and direct our own program. And for that, sisterhood is an incredible political force!

We want to build a new society, not based on property or class division or racism or sexism. We are going to make a political and cultural revolution. No one wants a new kind of elite, a new tyranny. We want to provide for creative human activity, not degrading, alienating, dehumanizing jobs. We want a society with lots of options for everybody, instead of limited alternatives.

If society were built on human need, instead of profit for a few, the problems of our society would not exist.

news in Brief

The Berea College Dancers will perform authentic square dances and singing games tonight in GW auditorium at 8 p.m. The Country Dancers are a student organization dedicated to preserving, through use, the folk culture of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Their repertoire also contains dances of New England as well as other sections of this country and sword dances from England.

The campus movie will be "Whistle Down the Wind", to be shown Saturday, March 28 in GW auditorium at 8 p.m.

MWC Gymnastics Club will meet in Goolrick Auxiliary Gym Thursday, April 9 at 6:15 p.m. This meeting will be the first of weekly club meetings.

MWC Woman's Liberation will meet Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the ACL Owl's Nest. The meeting will concern ideas of setting up birth control and abortion counseling clinic here.

MWC Modern Foreign Language dep't and the Spanish Embassy will present travolages on the Canary Islands and La Costa del Sol on Wednesday, March 25 at 8 p.m. The films will be held in duPont Little Theatre and are in English.

EPAUET will hold election of Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, and Advisor at 6 p.m. in ACL ballroom, Wednesday, March 25. Elections will be held under the auspices of the Board of Publications.

Mrs. Diane K. Pike, wife of the late Dr. James A. Pike, and Dr. John D. Maguire, associate professor of religion at Wesleyan University, will be the main speakers for the University of Richmond Interfaith Council's Symposium on "Mysticism: The New Time Religion." The two day session will be held in Richmond, April 10 and 11 and will include seminars on ESP, reincarnation, astrology, and clinical psychology; panel discussions; a play by William Butler Yeats; and a Coffee House.

American University will hold its annual Turtle International 1970, April 11. Colleges across the country will participate in the race as well as the "Miss Turtle International" contest and the Turtle Ball. Proceeds will be donated to the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

Westmoreland residents flee fire

by Philo Funk

Erie red lights lit the darkness of four a.m. Saturday morning as sixty scantly-dressed Westmoreland dorm residents stormed the administration building demanding protection, warmth, and peace of mind.

Brenda Jennings, senior assistant at Westmoreland dormitory smelled smoke at about 4:15 a.m. and promptly pulled the fire alarm and notified the campus operator. Within a minute the dorm was empty as the sixty girls searched for roommates on the lawn and awaited the fire-engine's arrival. Clad only in nightgowns and short jackets in the 24 degree night air, the girls waited 5-7 minutes until a lone MWC policeman arrived to unlock the side-doors of G.W. Realizing

the fire was beyond the power of the portable fire extinguisher he carried, he radioed the Frederickburg fire department from his patrol car, and an engine arrived 5-10 minutes later. States Miss Jennings, "The girls were orderly and very calm. Most curled up on the floor of G.W.

campus operator. If I hadn't, we may have watched the building go down."

Mr. Allison, business manager of the college, is surprised at the students' misconception and states, "Interior alarm systems are fairly common. It's always been my impression that the students were aware that the alarm went off in the dorm."

Many Westmoreland residents objected to a local radio station's account of "200 screaming coeds pouring out of the flaming building" who were "calmed" by policemen. Said one, "We were far too tired to pull a scene like that." Another added, "If anyone acted immaturely, it was the firemen who obviously enjoyed watching sixty girls in nightshirts with Clearasil-dotted faces and rolled hair . . . they really got a kick out of it."

feedback

Involvement urged

To the Editor:

A portion of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Degree Requirements, College Calendar and Student Course Load was submitted to the faculty at its March meeting and has been released to the entire academic community. The second part of the report will be released in April.

The report includes proposals to reduce degree requirements, revise the grading system, permit special majors, reduce student course load, alter the college calendar, and numerous other proposals that incorporate the principles of flexibility and freedom that students have repeatedly called for.

The committee's recommendations, if adopted by the faculty, will affect sweeping changes in the academic structure of the College. Their importance cannot be overemphasized.

As student members of the committee, having participated in every stage of debate and decision, we believe that the recommendations will vastly im-

prove the value of the liberal arts experience for students.

It is vital that all students, as well as faculty members, familiarize themselves with the proposals, evaluate them and discuss them in depth. This is a unique opportunity for students as individuals to participate informally in the decisions that so directly and significantly affect their academic lives. We urge you to explore the issues, speak with professors, and become involved.

Sincerely,
- Marilyn Preble '70
Mimi Hearne '71
Anne Gordon Greever '71

Terminology questioned

Dear Editor:

Miss Greever, in her article, made a point about the connection between capitalism and the position of women in our society. Her thesis elicited a response that blamed woman's slavish condition on socialism, rather than capitalism.

I do not wish to engage in the controversy, but simply to clar-

fy an essential point. Marx has often been regarded as Enemy No. 1 of individual Self. This is largely a myth dreamed up by "experts" on Marxism. One only has to read the primary sources to get at what Marx himself said. Marx's comments on estrangement (alienation, dehumanization) are clearly centered in the Self. In fact, his concern for the individual is too obvious to even deserve elaboration, and if anyone wishes to pursue the matter further I shall be glad to provide a suggested reading list.

Our concept of Marxism is sometimes so distorted that it deserves praise for its deviousness. Denying Marx's concern for the individual is, in my opinion, a distortion of Marx. Another example is a remark that maintains, for instance, that Marx "was never really interested in economics" (Bell, "The End of Ideology," p. 340). This is a kind of distortion that is matched only by those who view Marx as the Devil Incarnate waiting to pounce on all good people.

Sincerely,
Raman K. Singh
English



Honor: another view

by Christine Crawford

According to my establishment father, I am, at times, a radical. According to my peers, I am a liberal. According to myself, I am a conservative.

Kathy Thiel, President of the Honor Council, spoke at Virginia dorm on the night that voting on the proposed amendment to the Honor Constitution was to take place. In essence, Miss Thiel said, "Now some people feel that this amendment could be the beginning of the deterioration of the Honor System here at MWC. I say, it isn't for us to decide whether this might still be good ten years from now. If it isn't then, they can change it. We must do what's good for today."

When I applied to Mary Washington College, I was made aware

that there was an Honor System;

an Honor System that required all to abide by the rules of it upon application and again upon admittance. Such a system is a violation of one's rights and freedom to do as one pleases — this, of course, depends upon what is one's conception of rights. But, I was going to subject myself to such a system, for I admired what people thought would be an ideal conception of living with others.

I was aware that when I signed the Honor Pledge, it not only signified that I understood the system, but also, I accepted the consequences of a violation of it.

And, to again quote Miss Thiel, such a system has been in effect for over one hundred years, and it has "worked well."

In learning of the Mary Washington Honor Code, the counselors during freshman orientation stressed that the accuser should take into account "intent." This is a responsibility in itself, knowing that one has the power to ruin another's college career.

Now, it seems, that with the adoption of this amendment, the accuser does not have to take "intent" as a factor, for, rather, the board of psychiatrists, consultants, doctors, friends, family, lawyers, and wailing children can make up for it.

I applaud the "liberalness" that the campus of MWC seems to be moving toward. However, I do not think that change without regard to "ten years from now" is beneficial or could ever possibly be beneficial to Mary Washington College or to any type of society.

I did not vote for the Honor amendment. But, in a selfish way, I am glad that the amendment went into effect, for it makes things easier for everybody. But, please let us not start equating easy with liberal. Liberal, in the sense used regarding the enactment of this proposal, is interpreted as acknowledgement that there are other people around with fau's but they should be given a second chance. In a way, I can understand why students then voted for the amendment.

However, when my fellow peers give me the "shock treatment" of "... what if your parents died the night before you had a history exam, and you had to cheat to pass it?" Superciliously I reply that I would have hoped that I had studied a little prior than the night before, besides, the professor would most likely understand such an "emotional and psychological strain," and furthermore, under no circumstances would I ever cheat.

"It isn't for us to decide that such a system would be good for all people. If it isn't, then, they don't have to come to MWC." Such is what I wished that Miss Thiel had stated.

could be like if its goals were the maximization of human potential. Now we can only imagine next year's "new" Ford, purposely built to be obsolete in three years, diet cola without cyclamates and without an aftertaste, and reprocessed air that might be breathable. We can hardly dream of girls not getting channelled into the suburbs and psychiatrists' offices, boys not having high probability of death in Viet Nam, early heart attacks, or at least bleeding ulcers.

Socialism, despite Mr. Johnson's rabid anti-communist ideology, is an economic system that has as its goal the maximization of goods, social services, and human potential for all, with the accumulation of profits by none. The basic method is cooperation. In practice in Cuba this means free medical care for all, free child care for all, free rent for most (rents in Havana are now half of what they were before the revolution and will soon be free), scholarships which include allowances for dependents, free tuition, room, board, clothing, books, plus spending money. It also means art, dance, music, and films in all areas of the island, not just for the elite in the city. It means many other economic and social benefits at a time when every other Latin American country is rapidly getting worse by U.N. standards. And it means a political structure that incorporates all of the people in the decision making process. I could write of the improvements in China now that socialism is in practice there, but having recently been to Cuba it is my favorite example and I must proceed to deal with some of Mr. Johnson's other points.

The fact that the balloting is believed to have been close, especially in the race between Mary Anne Burns and Marilyn Morgan, leads to understanding why interest has suddenly heightened and why perhaps tempers have begun to flare. However, the fact that the election was invalidated is simply not enough reason for students to purposely or unpurposely imply that individuals (especially candidates) were responsible for contesting the management of the election. The whole mess was a result of mis-handling, certainly not dirty politics. This fact could be made easily available and obvious to anyone who would take the time to consult the records instead of "taking the easy way out" and resorting to harmful accusation.

Sincerely,
Conde P. Hopkins '70

Garskof refutes Johnson's stand

To the Editor:

Thomas Johnson's letter to the editor in the March 2nd issue of the BULLET in response to Anne Gordon Greever's article contains many confused and incorrect ideas. I shall direct myself to the more blatant ones.

Capitalism has as its goal the maximization of profits for the few who own the productive resources of society at the expense of the many who labor to produce and operate them. With profits as the goal and competition and elitist decision making as the methods, no one in our society is free to perceive, or even imagine, what society

Lastly, to condemn Miss Green for having a total lack of knowledge of economics without ever pointing out any economic errors, or displaying any understanding of economics himself smacks of professional authoritarianism, a trait typical of American capitalist professors and one no longer tolerated by students in China.

This format leaves very little room to develop all the points raised by Mr. Johnson's letter. I would be glad to discuss any of these further with him at an open forum.

Sincerely,
Michele H. Garskof
Psychology

Seven deadly no no's

Dear Editor:

There has been so much discussion recently about changing the rules and regulations which govern Mary Washington students that I would like to submit my own list. It is my belief that, if a student follows these simple guidelines, she will be completely successful at Mary Washington and will emerge fully qualified to raise cultured children in Suburbia. I call this list the Seven Deadly No-No's.

I. NO Scotch Tape on the walls.

II. NO drinking or other carrying on during Open House. The Administration prefers that students get drunk or pregnant on school nights.

III. NO walking across, sitting upon, or otherwise enjoying the grass.

IV. NO drying racks in the halls. This would rob the College of valuable revenues from the single dryer in each dormitory.

V. NO Underclassman may hang their coat in the upstairs cloakroom at Seacobeck. She may drape it over a chair or dump it on the floor, but she is under no circumstances to carry it with her into the Dining Room.

VI. NO absences from class will be excused without a note from the Infirmary. Students are given the responsibility of becoming ill between the hours of one and two p.m. Monday through Friday.

VII. NO men are to be admitted to the Residence Halls except between the hours of two and five p.m. Sunday. This includes fathers, kid brothers, and elderly uncles. The presence of men is disruptive, and no well brought-up young lady would want them around anyway.

These Seven Deadly No-No's are not to be confused with the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are easier to obey.

Sincerely,
Anne Irvin, '72

Smoking insults

Dear Mrs. Pinschmidt,
Doesn't "the stable and mature individual" knowingly subject his body to physiological insult? How many stable and mature individuals do you know who smoke cigarettes?

S. Deane Gross '73

Hippies invade!

by yuri mccarthy

Stafford County seems to be struck with a hysterical wave of alarm because the "hippies" have invaded the county. Speculators have repeatedly anticipated more throngs of the long-haired deviants to descend upon the fair area.

Actually Stafford County isn't very far south, but you'd never guess that by listening to some people or by watching their actions. Yessirree, right here, across the river thrives a home-grown version of "Easy Rider."

So here's the scene: some musicians — Sea and the East Utopian Mission by name — who will be playing up in D. C. starting this week have moved into an old farmhouse. They've been practicing and hanging around the place. During their stay some real friendly neighbors came along waving sticks of dynamite and yelling threats (could they be a rural coven of the urban bombers?). Meanwhile, the residents of the area are uptight and fearing for their lives — as if these so-called "hippies" will descend upon them some night and slit their throats. I guess that's about the re-

action one could expect from this area. Hysteria and obnoxious behavior appear to be the result when the security of some peoples' stupidity is threatened by a big-city group. Some pretty stupid comments can also be attributed to Fredericksburg patriots, not to mention those 25 brave boys who intended to beat up four dissenters after the America Day rally. Hooray for the red, white, and blue!

These people have no idea what they're talking about; they're scared, and they're scared because they've made themselves scared. Anyone who is different is rapidly attacked by the yokels as a threat to their existence. Some people took an intelligent look at the newcomers, but too many hysterically saw the long hair and figured that they were dope fiends, subversives or some hippie perverts, and knew that they had to be up to no good. Besides, they have no business coming to this area, as if they had a right...

These fine rural examples of Virginians haven't rationally looked at what the "problem" is

(if there is one). Obviously feeling Divinely commissioned to weed out the inferiors, the dynamiters made the scene at Sea's in the form of undisguised terrorism. The necks have found a new "nigger" to attack. Maybe these stupid people aren't representative of Stafford County, but they're sure doing a fine job of representing it to the Washington DC area via the POST, etc. And not too many other residents have done much to reverse the picture.

The South has such a disgusting history of prejudice and hate. It's a pretty shocking to come down here and see such behavior vented on people. This rock group isn't black, so that omits one possible clue to the violence. But the thing is that, black or white, any group different from the indigenous whites constitutes, as they see it, a horrifying threat to their existence. It's appalling that ethnocentrism of this calibre is allowed to perpetuate. These people had better wake up. The people are changing and this backwoods, redneck lawlessness can no longer be condoned.

feedback cont.

Busing wastes needed funds

To the Editor:

Why can't the government attack the problem at its core? If the level of education offered to blacks in public schools located in the ghettos is unacceptable (and it obviously is), the federal government should raise that level of education in those schools, not skirt the issue and bus the children out until they find a school of acceptable offerings. The district school boards must obtain enough money of offer substantial employment to competent teachers. The school boards must be able to make it "profitable" for a teacher to accept a position after having spent between \$4,000 and \$16,000 on an undergraduate education. If this means direct federal aid to public education, then so it does and let's have some!

Concerning both the low salaries and poor schools, the government must be willing to offer what is lacking, and therefore make the deficiency, at the very least, a satisfactory efficiency, and not ignore the poor conditions in favor of overextending and overloading the now acceptable ones.

Busing ghetto children out to more suburban, higher level schools does not make the ghetto schools any better. Nor does it make the children any more enthusiastic about their education, considering it is preceeded and followed by what may amount to between one half hour and a full hour of nauseating rides on overcrowded buses traveling over-crowded streets and highways.

It is time Americans stopped allowing the state and federal

government to misuse their money through incompetent use of taxation profits.

Leslie Susan Kraus '71

Congratulations disguise

I was amazed to learn, via the eagle-eye of the South Boston Gazette, that Mary Washington is actually a skillfully-disguised bordello. I cannot help but admire those of you who have made this incredible camouflage possible, working towards the laudable goal of providing your Mary Washington girls with practical experience in this, the oldest and best established of professions. Certainly you have initiated a crusading example of the truly liberal curriculum, one which is intensely relevant to our modern day society.

Such a program, however, presents manifold problems in its execution, one of which I stand prepared to resolve. I am somewhat familiar with the Fredericksburg area and realize you must be experiencing tremendous difficulty finding gentlemen who are young enough (below the age of sixty-five) to provide an element of, shall we say, "practicality" to your students. I would be more than willing to offer myself to this end and, for a nominal fee, launch a publicity campaign here at the university informing students of this fine opportunity to donate to the cause of education. UVa students are, as you know, very community-minded; and I am sure there would be an enthusiastic response. You would, I think, be very wise to take advantage of this opportunity.

Let me again congratulate you of Mary Washington on your fine goals and means to achieving them. And incidentally: How re-

freshing it is to see your establishment guised as a college, rather than the usual drab pantomime or bar. This is an excellent example of how competently women can dispatch many of those areas of administration traditionally reserved for men.

Al Gibson
University of Virginia

Aftermath's hope

Recent days' insinuations, an aftermath of sickening doubt, saddens earnest hearts; creates a blight to spirit.

Ragged clawed investigation a probing network spreading wide — but indicts; it cannot cure. For no indictment singly serves but serves us all: we seem Oswalds; Mrs. Alving's children, by coincidences, diseased.

As in illness, the body politic becomes its selfsame victim. Perhaps a seething place of perpetration: cancerous where derision and derision breeds vindictiveness that reason fails to quell.

We can inject no magic panacea into a collective wound. But determined efforts, unique to each may take the individual spirit for a battleground, and turn aside the pain that dwells within.

Without, we shall become one again seeing the malicious fever die of thirst unquenched; seeing the creative spirit, good and just in hope, transcendent.

Kitty Tinkham '71

FORUM

editorial

A time for unity

The two major news stories of this week's BULLET seem to negate each other. One is a story of success, the success of cooperative efforts on the part of faculty and students to create an appealing and practical alternative to the college's present degree requirement structure and method of grading. The second is a story of failure on the part of the student body; not only the failure to conduct a valid election of SA officers, but, more important, its failure to rise above prejudices and pettiness in the face of a crisis.

In the midst of accusations, rumors and conflicting interests we seem to have lost sight of the higher goals which were so much a part of last week's campaign. We are demanding trust and respect from other segments of the college community while an atmosphere of mistrust and disrespect for each other pervades our own segment. We are acting in a manner which we profess to despise.

One of the higher goals which nearly all of the candidates have stressed is curriculum reform. The faculty-student-administration Ad Hoc Committee on Degree Requirements, Reform of the College calendar, Student Loads, and Methods of Instruction has prepared a well researched concrete plan for liberalizing MWC's degree requirements and grading system. The committee's report proves that students and faculty members working together produce results.

The time for unity is here. Students must work together to see that these proposals are implemented. The importance of winning or losing an election must not be allowed to overshadow the importance of the victory of the student body as a whole to achieve the goal of a better education system for the college.

We hope that the past week's failure can be reconciled so that its success will not be lost.

B.H.

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Soleri's future cities

by paddy link

Models of architect Paul Soleri's futuristic cities are on exhibit until April 5 at the Corcoran Gallery in D.C.

Soleri's designs are a possible solution to the problem of population in relation to available space. His supercities could house and provide services for thousands on a minimal piece of land.

One rough sketch of a Soleri design looks like a detailed drawing of a Byzantium temple dome. Closer inspection reveals a domed city, with the detail being a multitude of dwellings for residence, business and recreation — all in one colossal structure.

Most of his designs, especially his bridges, are flowing and pleasing to the eye. They give the viewer the awesome feeling

of man defying gravity. His cities states have an aura of primitivism about them, not only in design, but in the thought of a cliff-dwelling society being reincarnated in a technological age.

Concrete evidence of Soleri's design can be seen in Arizona near Prescott. A city, Arcosanti II, for 2,000 people is near completion. The pictures of this community prove that mass living need not be distasteful. The structures are modern adobe with open space, and they are completely compatible with the natural surroundings. Soleri's imagination has created an awesome synthesis between primitivism and complexity.

Many seem to feel that Soleri was inspired by watching an ant hill. Others find that Soleri has an attractive, rational approach to urban development, or redevelopment. Keeping in mind the population expansion rate, few slough off the Soleri exhibit as science fiction.

Due to the large crowds, the Corcoran has extended its weekend hours to 9 p.m. for this exhibit. The gallery is located off DuPont Circle, and it can be reached from the National Gallery vicinity by the L4 bus, and a little walking.

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a taste of honey

Ann Reynolds, Lloyd Busch, Bob Bradshaw, and Ann Folk converse in "A Taste of Honey," MWC drama department production presented last week. The MWC presentation of Shelagh Delaney's play, directed by Thomas Turgeon, utilized mixed media and originally composed music.

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Censorship: MWC too?

by robin darling

The following petition has recently appeared on strategic doors in College dormitories:

"We, the undersigned students, often find the college newspaper, The Bullet, to be highly distasteful. We realize that we are now required to support The Bullet via the Student Activity Fee, and do not consider the practice ethical. We therefore propose the elimination of forced support of The Bullet, by the termination of the use of student fees for this purpose."

"If a campus newspaper is printed, it should derive its support from funds obtained voluntarily from the sale of ads and the purchase price of the paper."

According to the College Press Service, this kind of censorship — by the withholding of funds — is increasing as college newspapers become more outspoken. The Mississippi State REFLECTOR contained, in its January 27 issue, two articles — an editorial and an opinion column — criticizing the state legislature's ban on the teaching of evolution in public schools, and ridiculing its meddling in University affairs. Malcolm Mabry, a farmer Representative in the state legislature, has introduced a bill to cut off financial support from state-supported college and university publications. Apparently irritated by the REFLECTOR's criticism, Mabry said, "What right does the college have to force (the student) to pay money for something which really has nothing to do with his education?"

The student papers at Ohio State and at Bowling Green University have also been threatened. They have offended a state senator, Robert Corts; he is initiating an attack against the Ohio

POST and the BG NEWS. Covered in THE POST was an on-campus sex symposium, in which five professionals conducted a discussion on birth control and abortion. Corts also objected to various letters to the editor, and to a front page cartoon of Chicago Judge Julius Hoffman, which he called "pure smut."

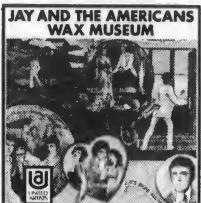
Similarly, reports the University of Maryland's DIAMOND-BACK, the Maryland state legislature has made a move to permit censorship of the state university and college papers, both by abolition of funds, and by pre-publication review by a board designated by the administration. The specter of censorship is as absurd as it is frightening. A student publication is a necessary

part of on-campus communication. Considering the general apathy of students on most campuses, a newspaper without a dependable means of financial support would be almost certainly doomed to failure.

State legislatures are inclined to be shocked at student newspapers, and it is understandable that the more conservative legislators would attempt censorship. However, when the students themselves begin a movement to censor a student newspaper by the removal of funds, it is clear that those students are reacting irrationally to material which they could influence by their written contributions. Most of those who complain have never attempted change.

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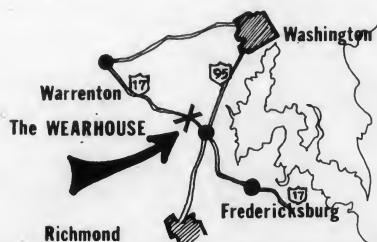
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